

HOUSEHOLD PLUMBING

NO. XII.

Modern Plumbing and the Landlord are Largely to Blame for the Presence in the House of Armies of Cockroaches and Other So-Called Domestic Vermin.

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The landlord who tolerates hordes of cockroaches on the premises will view with indifference the presence of other so-called domestic vermin and parasites. If a correct census of the living inhabitants of a tenement or an apartment house could be taken, in many instances the roaches, bedbugs, rats, mice and fleas would far outnumber the human occupants.

It is well known in medical circles that each of the tribes of pests mentioned is an active agent in the distribution of disease. The disgusting cockroach, known in Sweden as the "bread eater," travels directly from the house drain to feed on the cut loaf of bread which is to provide supper for the children. The bedbug, which feeds directly on human blood, has been found to transmit bubonic plague, and several other Oriental epidemic diseases from man to man, and is probably the usual agent in the transmission of epidemic paralysis, known also as infantile paralysis and poliomyelitis.

The bedbug is now known to be far the most dangerous insect parasite present in homes in the Temperate Zone, and is as much to be dreaded as an encounter with the tae-tse fly of South Africa.

The possible danger of providing a rendezvous for rats and their attendant fleas in all countries in which bubonic plague has attained a foothold is now well known, but will be referred to later in this article. The furtive, shadowlike mouse invades the steamheated home at the oncoming of winter, bringing with him all of the diseases he may have acquired in squalid hovels and cellars. Dr. Heinrich Stern, the editor of the "Archives of Diagnosis," related to the writer the following circumstances: A young boy, an only child in a home of wealth, was stricken with a severe form of chicken-pox; how the disease could have been acquired, in the most sanitary environment and "twenty miles from a chicken," was a complete mystery, until an investigation of the clothes closet of the child's apartment disclosed an unmistakable mouse odor. Watch for the mouse, and at the end of that time a sick mouse, with a full eruption of chicken-pox scarring his hide emerged from the closet and was captured.

There is a direct relationship between the subjects of plumbing and household vermin, for the usual and customary migration of bedbugs, roaches, rats and mice from house to house is along paths of ingress and egress provided by the piping.

The German cockroach is known throughout the country as the "Croton"

because of its astounding multiplication and invasion of the New York home immediately after the completion of the Croton system of waterworks. A bulletin of the United States Department of Entomology states the cockroach may be carried by the pressure of the water long distances through the pipes without injury; that the dampness of water pipes is favorable to it, and their extension greatly facilitates its spread and multiplication. The roach was originally an insect of the tropics; it has crossed the seas in ships, and it has adapted its habits of life to the habitation of man, and migrated north by inches until now a species lives in the hut of the Laplander and "sometimes devours the stores of dried fish put away for winter consumption."

Roaches, as well as bedbugs, have thin, flat bodies which they insinuate into the most trifling crack, where one could not imagine the presence of a visible organism. They are largely night prowlers, and many a housewife newly established in an apartment has been astounded and horrified, on visiting her kitchen in the night, to see thousands of roaches scrambling to get away from sight.

The cockroach can be starved out of a house or apartment, but will return on every slight relaxation of vigilance, and every woman, whether maid or mistress, will find it necessary to give unremitting attention to the absence or presence of a few crumbs or a little edible trash dropped by the children. I know of no one circumstance in the whole history of woman's enslavement to the petty details of housework more pathetic than her unavailing attempts to keep her home freed from the parasites she instinctively felt to be inimical to the wellbeing of her household during the centuries when man's mechanical ingenuity constantly added to the home fixtures and apparatus that tempted insects into the habitation and insured their livelihood, propagation and concealment.

The cockroach moves in armies after nightfall. Their armies have been encountered by reliable observers. They sometimes take possession of a new house by hordes. The landlord may not be able to prevent this invasion, and is only culpable when he does not immediately rout the pests. The time will come when the municipality will be held responsible for the presence of noxious insects. If New Orleans can clean up the yellow fever mosquito, if San Francisco can rat-proof her dwellings, business houses and wharves, the housewives of America can insist that other municipalities take over the task of routing these and all other domestic vermin.

(To be continued.)

CHURCH AND RELIGIOUS NEWS NOTES

Home Mission Week Gives New Impetus to Interdenominational Co-operation in This City.

Protestant churches of the country have observed this week as home mission week. Home interests in New York signaled the week by meeting together for the first time in their history. They authorized the naming of a committee to make a study of home mission conditions in New York, and later the calling by that committee of a formal conference. It was held yesterday in home mission meetings that there may result a central board of missions, and that through it all home work of New York and vicinity will be carried on. The remarkable thing about it is the unity displayed. Never before has such advanced steps been taken.

Bodies joining in the plan thus far are the Baptists, Disciples of Christ, Episcopalians, Congregationalists, Methodists, Presbyterians of several names and Reformed. So far as could be learned, there were no Lutherans present at the initial conference, but belief was expressed that at least one or two Lutheran bodies will come in. Bishop Greer attended, and was particularly hearty in his endorsement of the plans. The Rev. Dr. Charles L. Thompson, of the Presbyterian Home Board, was named chairman and authorized to appoint the committee referred to.

GENERAL ITEMS OF THE WEEK.

Bishop Greer has issued a call for all men of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of New York to attend the corporate communion of the men at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine on Thanksgiving morning at 8 o'clock.

Clifford G. Roe, Assistant State's Attorney, of Chicago, will speak on "White Slavery in America" to-morrow afternoon at 4 o'clock at the 23d street Young Men's Christian Association.

Miss Villa Faulkner Page will continue her series of Sunday afternoon addresses to-morrow, at 3:30 o'clock, at the Professional Woman's League, and her subject will be "Union with the Source."

The Right Rev. Robert L. Rudolph, Bishop of the Reformed Episcopal Church of New York and Philadelphia, will be the speaker in Tent Evangel Mission Hall to-morrow night.

To-morrow evening Mrs. Helen Temple Brigham will speak for the Spiritual and Ethical Society on "Our Future Punishment."

A special Thanksgiving reception service will be held in Metropolitan Temple to-morrow night. A union service of ten Methodist churches will be held in this church on Wednesday, November 27.

The regular afternoon chapel service will be held at St. Paul's Chapel, Columbia University, to-morrow at 4 p. m. Preacher, the Right Rev. William Boyd Carpenter, D. D., D. C. L., honorary chaplain to the Queen from 1873 to 1883, chaplain in ordinary, 1883-'84. An American Thanksgiving Eve and English harvest festival will be observed at St. Paul's Chapel on Wednesday evening.

At the Church of the Puritans the Rev. R. B. Clark will preach to-morrow morning on "Investments That Pay," and in the evening, at 8, on "Building Bridges."

The subject to-morrow at the First Church of the Healing Christ will be "God's Hand." Speaker, the Rev. W. John Murray.

The subject of the lesson-sermon in the Christian Science churches to-morrow will be "Soul and Body."

Mary Etheridge Chapin will give a Thanksgiving talk in the Berkeley Theatre to-morrow morning on "Lift Up Your Hearts."

The New Thought Church will resume its regular Sunday services for the season in its new home, the Aeolian Hall, to-morrow morning. F. W. Sears, general lecturer, will conduct the services and speak on "Thanksgiving and Its Power."

To-morrow at the meeting house of the Society for Ethical Culture Dr. Adler will continue his series of addresses on the need of a new religious outlook. His topic for the morning will be "The Idea of God in the Life of Modern Men."

This evening at 8 o'clock at the New York Temple of Modern Spiritualism Hereward Carrington will give explanations and practical demonstrations of mental and physical phenomena from the scientific standpoint.

The Bowers Mission anniversary services will be held during the coming week. Dr. W. P. Ferguson, principal of the Syms School, will preach in the morning, and Bishop Darlington, of Harrisburg, Penn., in the evening.

The National Bible Institute announces that the sessions of its evening school for the training of Christian workers for the present season will open at the Marble Collegiate Church on Thursday, December 5, at 7:30 p. m.

ROMAN CATHOLIC.

The first public function in which the Cardinal will participate after his return from the Pacific Coast will be the diamond jubilee celebration of St. Peter's Church. Church was built seventy-five years ago, and since that time services have been held uninterruptedly.

IN PRESBYTERIAN CIRCLES.

At the Fourth Presbyterian Church Thanksgiving cantata, Foster's "Seed Time and Harvest," will be given to-morrow evening.

At the Brick Church to-morrow Dr. Merrill will preach at 11 o'clock and Dr. William J. Dawson, of the First Presbyterian Church, of Newark, at 4.

At the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church to-morrow the Rev. Dr. Francis L. Patton, of Princeton Theological Seminary, will preach.

At the Harlem Presbyterian Church John Lyon Coughy will preach in the morning on "Our Country for Christ."

The Rev. Dr. Howard Duffield will conduct both services to-morrow at the Old First Presbyterian Church.

At the Scotch Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Dr. David G. Wylie, pastor, there will be services morning and evening. At 11 o'clock the Rev. Dr. Arthur J. Brown, secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, will speak on "The New China."

Under Arthur Rose, organist and director, the choir of the West-Park Presbyterian Church to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock will render selections from Gaul's sacred cantata, "The Prince of Peace."

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"Christian Science and Jews" will be the subject of the address by Dr. Wise before the Free Synagogue at Carnegie Hall to-morrow morning.

REFORMED.

The congregation of the Madison Avenue Reformed Church has accepted an invitation from the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church to join in a union service on Thanksgiving Day. Dr. Jowett is to preach the sermon.

At the West End Collegiate Church a brief recital on the "cello and organ, beginning at 4:30 o'clock, will precede the afternoon service.

At the Collegiate Church of St. Nicholas the Rev. Malcolm James McLeod, minister, will preach morning and evening to-morrow.

"A Good Man Gone Wrong" is the subject on which Dr. Burrell will preach to-morrow morning in the Marble Collegiate Church. In the evening he will preach on "A Riot and What Became of It."

The Rev. Frederick F. Shannon, of Brooklyn, will preach to-morrow evening in the Madison Avenue Reformed Church.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.

Dr. Houghton will preach at all services in the Church of the Transfiguration to-morrow.

J. Kendrick Le Jeune, choirmaster of St. Stephen's Protestant Episcopal Church, with his choir and soloists, will give Webber's "Harvest Cantata" to-morrow afternoon at 4 o'clock.

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